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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether half of the children below the age of three in the country do not get the vital immunization vaccination;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the average percentage of child vaccination under the National Vaccination Campaign, State-wise;

(d) the reasons for low average in this regard in Bihar, Jharkhand, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) No sir, as per District Level House Hold Survey (DLHS, 2002-04) only 19.8 % do not get any vaccination at the country level.

(b) does not arise.

(c) The average percentage of child vaccination as per District Level House Hold Survey (DLHS 2002-04) is 74.7% for BCG, 59% for DPT-3 doses, 58.2% for OPV 3 doses and 58% for Measles. The State-wise break-up is at annexure-I.

(d) The low average in the States including Bihar and Jharkhand is due to inadequate infrastructure and manpower in the State.

(e) EAG States including Bihar, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh are observing Special Immunization weeks and the State of Jharkhand is observing special catch-up rounds to improve coverage of all vaccines under Routine Immunization Programme.

The following steps have been taken to further strengthen the Immunization Programme in the country:-

strengthening of supervision and monitoring by providing mobility support,
vaccine delivery support from last storage point i.e. PHC to session-site,
mobilization of children to immunization session site by ASHA/Link workers,
to provide services in slums and under served areas where services are deficit by outsourcing immunization services.
support for review meeting; computer assistance at state & district level
strengthening of cold chain facilities.